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PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120 FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR FILED APPLICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)

This petition is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3). In support thereof, Petitioner states as follows:

- 1. The specification of the present application contains a reference indicating that the present application is a continuation-in-part of pending Application Number 10/430,794, entitled Fastener Assembly, filed on May 5, 2003.
- 2. The specification of Application Number 10/430,794, entitled Fastener Assembly, filed on May 5, 2003 contains a reference indicating that it is a continuation-in-part of pending Application Number 09/933,312, entitled Locking Fastener Assembly filed on August 20, 2001.
- 3. The present application names David Harris as a co-inventor, who is also the sole inventor named in Application Number 09/933,312.

- Applicants respectfully request that the Patent and Trademark Office accept, in the present application, an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of pending Application Number 09/933,312.
- 5. The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) and the date of this petition is unintentional.
- 6. Enclosed herewith, please find a fee transmittal, which authorizes the Patent and Trademark Office to deduct the surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t), in the amount of 1,330.00.
- 7. Enclosed herewith, please find a preliminary amendment, which amends the specification to make a specific reference to Application Number 09/933,312, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2).

Respectfully Submitted,

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